

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Brake S15762

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The original papers in this case sent to W. G. Singleton, U. S. Att'y Va. Aug. 9, 1834. No copies taken for want of time.

[See below for explanation. The following is Singleton's report.]

John Brake. draws \$40-

this Pensioner stated on the 8th of July 1834 that was born in 1754 - born on the South Branch [of Potomac River] near Morefield [sic: Moorefield] at the commencement of the R War, was drafted Cant say in what year, for six months. Rendevuzed at Romney, marched from there under Capt. John Harris Major Reddle Col. Vanmetre to the mouth of Big Beaver [at present Beaver PA] & then to Fort McIntosh. Gen'l. Lachlan] McIntosh had about 2000 men. Staid there a while & then marched to Tuscarawas [River in OH] aided in building a fort at that place [Fort Laurens] & returned to McIntosh Fort and was discharged. Cant say how long he was gone — previous to his being in McIntosh campaign he done another tour of duty at Buckhannon Fort now in Lewis County [at Buckhannon now in Upshur County WV]. Cant recollect the year in which this tour of duty was done. it was however about the time Corwallis [sic: Cornwallis] was captured at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. he visited Buckhannan and while there he volunteered under Capt. Geo. Jackson and forted at Jackson Fort [probably on Tenmile Creek in Harrison County] and scouted and followed the Indians when they came into the settlement. volunteered about the first of September and continued in service until the middle of February. - this comprises all his services. J. Copeland & Col. Johnson wrote his Declaration to whom he gave the same statement in substance he now gives - Copelan contracted to do the business for nothing, but retained \$40.75.

the forgoing was read to Brake and acknowledged by him to be correctly taken Down.

Gustatus Harrison.

Col. Gideon C. Camden sais that Brake applied to him to write his declaration. upon examination of Brake it resulted in his haveing done no service. Brake stated to Camden that he had been compelled to hire a substitute and therefore he considered himself entitled to a pension —

Christopher Nutter [pension application W5434] a man of character has known Brake for many years, and sais he Brake was always by general consent, concession[?] & reputation considered and called a tory.

Adam Cee [Lee?] the oldest Lawyer in Western Virginia has known Brake all his life and knows him to have been a tory.

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| Nathan Goff also states that Brake applied to | } | A true copy. |
| him to get him a pension - examined him & | } | W. G. Singleton. |
| told him he was not Entitled to a Pension. | } | } |

Note. there are no such officer in McIntoshes campaign as mentioned by Brake. - his whole statement is a fabrication - he has been sued. - I shall have no difficulty in recovering from him-

W. G. Singleton Nov. 16, 1834

NOTE: W. G. Singleton, District Attorney, investigated a large number of fraudulent pension applications from Harrison and Lewis counties. See pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth for details.